

MEN ARE ENTOMBED; FIRE STOPS RESCUE

Over Three Hundred Colliers Lose Their Lives in Mine Explosion Near Bolton, Eng.

FATHER DIES IN ATTEMPT TO REACH HIS TWO SONS

Little Hope Is Entertained That Any of the Employees Below the Ground Are Alive, Though After Many Hours of Determined Work by Rescuers Two Are Taken Out.

(By Associated Press)
BOLTON, ENG., Dec. 21.—More than 300 colliers lost their lives today in an explosion of the Little Hulton colliery, which is located a little distance outside this city.

The explosion occurred early in the morning, soon after the miners had entered the pit to begin work. Its force was terrific and later investigation showed that the lower passages had been blocked. Heroic efforts were made by rescue parties all day long, but a fierce fire which followed the explosion prevented the rescuers from penetrating beyond 400 yards into the workings.

All Hope Banished.
At 9:30 o'clock tonight all the rescuers were called and a conference was held, at which Government Inspector Gerrard, the engineers and the mine manager were present. Inspector Gerrard issued a report after making a descent into the pit, in which he stated that it was impossible that any of the miners are still alive. He added that nothing could be done except to bring up twenty bodies found lying near the mouth. The report was communicated to the anxious crowds around the pit mouth, after which the bishop of Manchester conducted a touching service in the open air and the people slowly dispersed.

No explanation is given as to the cause of the explosion, which completely wrecked the mine.

Second Explosion.
This is the second great mine disaster in England this year, an explosion having occurred in the Wallington colliery at White Haven, Cumberland, on May 12, in which 136 miners were killed.

The explosion today resulted in the temporary disablement of the machinery, whereby the cages are lowered and drawn to the surface, and it was considerable time before the first rescue party reached the bottom of the pit. In all, they brought out eight men still living, but the majority of these were in a serious condition from the noxious gases. Ten bodies also were removed, and twenty additional bodies were found partly covered by heavy falls of coal.

Two More Found Alive.
Late tonight the colliery fans were started again and the air was found to be fairly good. Arrangements were then made for relays of rescuers to go into the mine every three hours throughout the night. Towards midnight two more miners were found alive. They were terribly burned. It was announced that forty bodies had been collected at the bottom of the shaft.

A flicker of hope still animates the rescuers that more men may be found alive. Doctors, nurses and ambulances are still on the scene.

Among the incidents was the death of a rescuer, who, anxious to reach his two sons, who were entombed, got in advance of his comrades and forfeited his life from asphyxiation.

The king has sent a touching message of sympathy.

STANDS BY THE BARGE.

Steamer North Star Ready to Assist Helpless Craft.

(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, MASS., Dec. 21.—In a wireless despatch received tonight the steamer North Star, New York for Portland, which at noon today picked up the missing Consolidation Coal Company barge No. 12, reported running into a heavy fog during which the barge towing the barge twice parted. The message said the North Star was standing by the barge with little chance of being able to bring it to Portland tonight. The captain and four members of the crew were still on the craft, but in no immediate danger.

Orders Lower Rates on Berths.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—For a number of days the Interstate Commerce Commission has been reducing the price heretofore exacted by the Pullman Company for upper berths in sleeping cars. The order directs the Pullman Company to fix rates upon upper berths not exceeding 80 per cent. of the rates applicable under the Pullman Company's tariff upon lower berths, which the lower berth rate is \$1.50 the upper berth rate shall be fixed at a rate not to exceed \$1.25.

FLOODS CAUSE FAMINE; THOUSANDS STARVING

Many Lives Are Lost by High Waters in China and Situation Is Grave.

(By Associated Press)
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 21.—News was brought by the steamship Amyerle today of floods that have caused great loss of life and of a severe famine in the Anhui province of China, affecting two and a half million persons. Rev. C. Lobenstein, a returning missionary from North Anhui, said:

"The floods caused great loss of life. The rapid rise of water swept away scores of villages, thousands of persons being drowned. A railroad engineer reported that one of the bridges near there had been choked with bodies and he had been imprisoned two days in the upper part of a tunnel before being rescued by a boatman."

"The situation during the winter will be terrible—far worse than during the famine three years ago. The starving can be reckoned by hundreds of thousands. Relief committees should be organized at once."

HER SUICIDE KILLS CHILD.

Woman Drinks Carbolic Acid—Lies Down With Baby.

(By Associated Press)
NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 21.—After swallowing a large dose of carbolic acid today, Mrs. Mary Kadolich lay down on the bed with her lips pressed to those of her five-day-old infant which she firmly clasped in her arms. When found, the baby was dead as the result of absorbing the fresh acid from her mother's lips and Mrs. Kadolich was in a dying condition. She is said to have quarreled with her husband last night.

State Law Is Blamed.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 21.—Not the owners, tenants, occupants or building inspectors were responsible for the factory fire here of a fortnight ago in which 25 girls lost their lives, but the laws of the state of New Jersey. Such was the finding of a coroner's jury today.

IDENTIFIED BY WOMAN

Man Arrested Charged With Assault in Richmond

PRISONER IN WASHINGTON

May Howard, of Virginia's Capital City, Alleges the Accused Also Robbed Her, and She Brings Other Serious Charges Against Him.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 21.—Alfred Armstrong, who was recently arrested in Washington as a member of a "badger game" gang, has been identified by Detective John Wiley and May Howard as the man wanted in this city on a charge of assault and robbery.

A telegram to this effect has just been received here. Detective Wiley, accompanied by the Howard woman, upon whom he committed the assault some time ago, went to Washington Wednesday morning, the woman believing from a published picture of Armstrong that he was the man who robbed her.

As soon as the detective reached the capital city he reported his presence to the chief of police in Washington, and accompanied by the woman was taken to the jail where Armstrong was confined waiting a hearing on a charge of attempting to extort \$5,000 from a wealthy Washingtonian.

The woman immediately identified Armstrong, according to the telegram, declaring that there was not the slightest doubt in her mind that he was the man who had assaulted and robbed her in Richmond.

She said that the man had called on her a number of times in the eastern section of this city, and had finally made her the proposition that they would travel together in search of wealthy men; that the rich man would be "taken in" and would be forced to "give up" his wealth to avoid a scandal.

She declined scheme.
The woman declares that she refused to have anything to do with any such scheme, but continued to receive Armstrong at her house. A few days later, she declares, the man called on her, tied her down and robbed her of about \$50—every cent she had in the world.

She immediately reported the case to the city police, but her assailant managed to elude the officers and get out of town.

Armstrong recently attempted to "shake down" Charles Rosenthal in Washington, showing him photographs of Rosenthal, for which the wealthy man agreed to pay \$5,000. When Armstrong called for the money, however, he was pounced upon by detectives and locked up. Washington will, of course, have first claim upon him, but should he be released under any pretext the Richmond officers will nab him and bring him here to face the charges brought by May Howard.

FIREMAN BELIEVED BURIED IN DEBRIS

Three Lives are Lost and Several Injured by Big Fire in Cincinnati.

PROPERTY LOSS MORE THAN TWO MILLIONS

Whole Manufacturing Block of City Is Swept by Flames, Which Firemen and Insurance Men Think Were of Incendiary Origin—Huge Buildings Are Rapidly Destroyed.

(By Associated Press)
CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 21.—A dozen great fires still played tonight upon the smoldering wreckage of the fire that destroyed a block of Cincinnati's manufacturing district early today. Re-aptitudes of the loss in life and property shows the disaster to be larger than any of the estimates placed during the progress of the conflagration. The final count shows that three men lost their lives; six were injured, one perhaps fatally, while the property loss is more than \$2,000,000, covered by insurance to the extent of \$1,400,000.

The origin of the blaze is not known, but the manner in which the huge building burned caused belief by members of the fire department and insurance men that it was of incendiary origin.

The body of Charles Schwengel, leader man of Fire Company No. 15, now is believed to be buried in the ruins.

An entire block from Ninth to Sycamore streets, to Broadway, was swept by the flames. The firms burned out are:

Krippendorf & O'Neal Shoe Company, southeast corner Ninth and Sycamore streets; Taylor Peole Leather Company, northeast corner Ninth and Sycamore streets, and Hill Shoe Company, adjoining; Twin Lock Company, adjoining Krippendorf & O'Neal Shoe Company on the south; Sycamore Street Stable Company barn; Griess-Pfister Leather Company; Victor Safe and Lock Company, northwest corner Ninth street and Broadway; warehouse of the A. & J. Nurrie Company, picture frames and moldings, Broadway, opposite Ninth; E. O. Duncan paper box factory, adjoining the Nurrie warehouse; Wilberg Bros. factory in the rear of the Nurrie plant.

Rapid Work of Flames.
The fire, it is believed, started in the engine room of the plant of the Krippendorf Company. Hardly had the fire been discovered when the flames leaped from almost every window from cellar to roof. When the fire apparatus arrived it was seen that the shoe factory was doomed and the firemen turned to the work of trying to save adjoining buildings. They practically surrounded the fire with water, but it had too much start, aided by the wind, and it continued to spread from building to building.

ART DEALERS ARE SUED.

Government Brings Action Against New York Concern.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The federal government filed nine complaints here today against Daven Brothers, the international art dealers, in a series of civil forfeiture suits, aggregating approximately \$600,000. The suits are a sequel to the arrest in October of several members of the firm on charges of gross undervaluation of imports.

The goods involved are all under seizure pending decision of the United States District Court and the defendants must file a bond for the full value, which includes the foreign value, plus customs duties before repossessing them. The government has the right to sue for the forfeiture of all goods sold by the Davenens and now in possession of their customers, including many prominent millionaires, in cases where it is shown that there was any deflection in the payment of duties.

May Legalize Horse Racing.

(By Associated Press)
NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 21.—An effort will be made during the coming session of the legislature to legalize horse racing in Tennessee, placing it under the control of a state racing commission. A bill is being framed. It is understood, fashioned after the Kentucky law. Under a law passed several years ago betting on horse races was prohibited in this state.

Schooner Is Stranded.

(By Associated Press)
MCREHERRY CITY, N. C., Dec. 21.—A large four-masted schooner is stranded on the west side of Cape Lookout shoals, about five miles out from Point Beach, and the heavy running tide and strong wind is driving the vessel farther on the shoals. The life-saving crew from Cape Lookout station went to the vessel's assistance and the revenue cutter Seminole has been notified.

STUDENTS IN BIG RIOT.

One Is Killed in Fight With Police and Several Injured.

(By Associated Press)
ODESSA, Dec. 21.—An attempt by the police today to disperse a student's meeting in the precincts of the University led to a serious riot, in which one student was killed, three were wounded and others received slight wounds. Seven policemen were severely injured.

During the course of the meeting the police requested the students to withdraw. In answer a shot was fired in the air. Thereupon the dean called upon the prefect, and a strong detachment of police and cossacks, surrounded the university building. The prefect, while mounting the steps was greeted with a volley of revolver shots from all the windows of the institution. The police repelled with two volleys. Two hundred and thirty-five students were arrested.

PROBE FRAUDS DEEPER.

Another Chapter Is Promised in Undersweeping of Sugar.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Customs experts from the department of justice are now making an investigation which promises to add another chapter to the story of sugar frauds against the government. An alleged abuse of the so-called "drawback" privileges, principally at the port of New York, is under rigid investigation and one official declares the revelations promise to put the government in position to recover nearly as much as it did in the underweight cases when more than \$3,600,000 was paid to the treasury.

TAFT WILL PLAY SANTA CLAUS.

President To Give Out 102 Turkeys To White House Employees.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—President Taft will play Santa Claus in giving away Christmas turkeys to all of the married employees about the White House and executive offices, including the policemen on duty in the White House grounds. It will require 102 of the holiday birds to fill all the baskets and the money outlay will be in the neighborhood of \$350. It is a time honored custom of presidents to distribute turkeys at Christmas time.

TO CELEBRATE 104TH BIRTHDAY.

Former North Carolina Woman Has Daughter 85 Years Old.

(By Associated Press)
MONTGOMERY, ALA., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Esther Dugg, of Montgomery, will celebrate her 104th birthday on Christmas day. She was born in North Carolina on Big Coldwater creek, December 25, 1806. She has been a resident of Montgomery for forty-two years and has a daughter who is 85 years old.

NULLIFIES ACTION OF NEW MEXICO ON LINE

Senate Adopts Resolution Anent Boundary Dispute Between States.

ART DEALERS ARE SUED.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Complying with the recommendation of President Taft as conveyed in a special message, the senate today adopted a joint resolution nullifying the action of the constitutional convention of New Mexico in fixing the one hundred and third meridian of longitude as the eastern boundary of the prospective state and giving the president power, in conjunction with the state of Texas, to re-establish the line run by J. H. Clark, in 1858, as the true boundary between New Mexico and Texas.

The dispute is of long duration and grows out of an error made by Clark in his effort as a surveyor of the government to mark the one hundred and third meridian. It was intended that this meridian should constitute the dividing line, but Clark placed it west of where it should have been, as was developed by subsequent surveys.

National authorities, as well as those of Texas, accepted it as accurate, but New Mexico contended for the more eastern tracing and the convention had undertaken to carry that contention into effect. In his message the president pointed out that property in this state and accumulated under the recognition of the Clark survey and urged that the established order should not be disturbed.

Sensor Herborn opposed the resolution, contending that the Clark survey had been made for the purpose of locating the meridian, and not for that of marking a division between states. He said that not less than 600,000 acres of land of value of \$25 an acre were involved, and declares that the survey was made without a general survey.

For a time he was opposed by Senator Herborn, who was later defeated. The resolution was passed by a vote of 75 to 15. The resolution is to be acted upon.

LORIMER ENTITLED TO SEAT IN SENATE

Investigating Committee of Charges Against Illinois Senator Presents Report.

DECLARES HIM NOT GUILTY OF CORRUPT PRACTICES

Findings of Inquirers Submitted to Upper Branch of Congress Says That Members of the Legislature Who Confessed To Receiving Bribes Should Not Be Believed.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Declaring as their conclusions that "the title of Mr. Lorimer to a seat in the senate has not been shown to be invalid by the use or employment of corrupt methods or practices," the committee which investigated charges of bribery made in connection with the election of William Lorimer as senator from Illinois, presented its report to the senate today. The report, which was presented by Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, was laid on the table, but inasmuch as the report is privileged it may be called up at any time.

Not For Lorimer's Benefit.
Charges that four members of the Illinois legislature were bribed and that three other members paid bribes are not ignored by the committee. The report declares that those who confessed to receiving bribes should not be believed, and that the votes of those who were charged with paying bribes should be counted. In relation to the charges that there was a corruption fund used in the Illinois legislature and that it was disbursed by one Robert E. Wilson, the report says that there is no evidence that it was used for the benefit of Mr. Lorimer.

Matter For the State.
The committee suggests that any investigation of the use of such a fund should be made by the authorities of the state of Illinois. The report declares further "that there was no testimony offered during the investigation which would tend, in the remotest degree, to implicate Senator Lorimer in any personal act of bribery or attempted bribery or corrupt practices of any sort."

The statement of views sent to the committee by Senator Frazier, who was a member of the subcommittee which considered the case, was not filed with the report.

MR. FRAZIER BELIEVES

THERE WAS BRIBERY

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 21.—Senator Frazier, who was here today, made public his statement in which he disavows the view of his colleagues that Senator Lorimer was not benefited by the alleged corruption of certain members of the legislature. His statement in part is as follows:

"The legislature of Illinois consisted of 204 members, which were present and voting on the occasion of the election of Senator Lorimer. A quorum of both houses being present, in my opinion he must have received a majority of all those present and voting, or 102 votes, to have been elected. Senator Lorimer received 103 votes, or six more than necessary to elect."

The testimony taken by the committee satisfies me that four members of the legislature were paid money for voting for, or in consequence of having voted for Senator Lorimer. One senator and three representatives admitted under oath before the committee that they were paid money, and the admissions, and the facts and circumstances surrounding the transaction, satisfy me that they received it as a bribe for their votes for Senator Lorimer.

Implicate Others.
The four self-confessed bribe-takers implicate three other members of the legislature who voted for Senator Lorimer as the persons who bribed them. The testimony satisfies me that the three alleged bribe-givers were guilty of that offense. To my mind, the man who bribes another is as corrupt as the one who is bribed, and by his corrupt act of bribery he demonstrates the fact that he is none too honest to receive a bribe if offered him.

While the proof is not clear or conclusive that these three alleged bribe-givers were themselves bribed or corruptly influenced to vote for Senator Lorimer, when I take into consideration their corrupt conduct as bribe-takers, together with all the facts and circumstances surrounding this case, I cannot bring myself to agree with the majority of the subcommittee that their votes are free from taint or corruption.

Less Than Majority.
These three votes, added to the four confessedly bribed, would make seven tainted votes. Eliminate them

and the vote received by Senator Lorimer was less than a majority of the votes cast.

"As stated above, it is with hesitancy and reluctance that I differ with my colleagues, but I have felt impelled to do so after a most careful and, I trust, unbiased study of this record."

"In view of the fact that I appear to stand alone in the views herein expressed, I make no recommendation; but I do ask that the members of the committee, not members of the subcommittee, carefully read all the testimony before forming an opinion."

BLEW HIS BUGLE LAZILY; WILL BE COURT-MARTIALED

Charges Are Preferred Against Major Henry C. Davis, United States Marine Corps.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—Because a marine yielded to the enervating tropical climate in the far-off island of Guam and blew his bugle in a lazy fashion, a marine officer, who has served his term in tropical service and just returned to the United States, is to be tried by court-martial. The officer is Major Henry C. Davis, United States marine corps, who was in command at Guam. The charge against him is that he wrote a letter to the department which was regarded as disrespectful, insubordinate and intemperate in language toward, and impugning the motives of, the commandant of the marine corps, and prejudicial to good order and discipline, and also contains a statement which was considered untrue.

Major Davis suspended for three days the marine officer who permitted the bugle calls to be sounded in a slovenly manner, and then endorsed the officer's request that the fact be withheld from his record. The commandant of marines thought the major was insubordinate, hence the court-martial will meet in Philadelphia, January 4, next, and will be headed by Rear Admiral Sampel P. Conly.

GRANTS WOMAN PARDON

Governor Mann Gives Freedom to Mrs. Annie Tibbs.

ASSISTED NEPHEW ESCAPE

Aunt Was Convicted on Charge of Rescuing Man in Petersburg Jail Who Was Awaiting Trial For Bigamy—Gets Sentence of Six Months.

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 21.—Governor Mann has granted a pardon to Mrs. Annie Tibbs, of Richmond, sentenced to jail for six months in Petersburg for having assisted in the escape of her nephew, Junius A. Williamson, while he was awaiting trial for bigamy.

The case of Williamson was sensational. The young man was charged with the murder by poison of his second wife and with having married a Texas woman, whom he deserted to return to Virginia, where he took his second wife, whom he was said to have murdered.

The disinterment of the body of the second Mrs. Williamson was ordered and an autopsy performed by Coroner Taylor, of Richmond, in which the stomach of the dead woman was analyzed in a search for arsenic poison, traces of which were found.

Body Embalmed.
Owing to the fact that the body had been embalmed before burial, Coroner Taylor was not in a position to say positively whether or not the evidences of arsenic discovered in his chemical analysis of the stomach were due to poison administered prior to death, or were the remnants of ingredients carried in the embalming fluid. Mrs. Williamson was said to have died very suddenly and in great agony. Her death gave every indication of having been brought about by poison.

Meal, such as had been employed in making the bread eaten by Mrs. Williamson the day of her death, was kneaded into dough and fed to fowls. Most of the chickens died.

Williamson Left.
Williamson made his escape from Petersburg, fled to his aunt's home in Richmond, and later went South. He was taken in North Carolina.

Upon being jailed in Petersburg the young man was visited by his aunt, Mrs. Tibbs, who was said to have presented him with saws, with which he effected his escape. The aged woman was tried, convicted and sentenced to six months imprisonment. She has served half of this time.

Governor Mann said today that he had liberated Mrs. Tibbs at the joint request of the trial judge and the commonwealth's attorney. Mrs. Tibbs will return to her home in this city.

Williamson is serving a sentence in the penitentiary for bigamy. He will be tried for murder at the expiration of his term in the pen.

TWENTY FIREMEN BURIED IN RUINS

Fighters of Flames are Caught Under Falling Wall in Philadelphia.

FOUR ARE KNOWN DEAD; OTHERS EXPECTED TO DIE

Part of Big Factory Building Tumbles Down While Laddies, on Nearby Roofs, Contend With Raging Conflagration and Catches the Men. Some Are Alive Under Debris.

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, PA., Dec. 21.—Four firemen are known to be dead, twenty are thought to be buried in the ruins and twelve others are in hospitals as the result of a fire tonight in the leather factory of Freeland & Co., 116 to 1120 North Bodine street.

It was first reported that Chief Baxter, of the fire department, was among those still in the ruins, but while he was injured, he escaped being carried down by the falling walls.

Wall of Building Falls.
While the firemen were fighting the flames from the roofs of adjoining dwelling houses, the south wall of the big building crashed down on them. At the time there were at least thirty-five men on the building and all were carried down. Four of the unfortunate men were later taken out dead. Twelve were able to extricate themselves from the mass of bricks and girders, but it is thought that twenty more are still in the ruins. All of these are not dead or seriously injured. Most of them are able to talk with firemen who are bending every effort to rescue them. The north wall of the burned structure is still standing, but it may fall at any moment.

If a similar calamity should occur before the men are dug out all will be crushed to death.

Patrick Carroll and George Simulsky, of engine company No. 7, are among the killed. These men were working on a ladder which was leaning against the south wall when it collapsed.

Men Almost Frozen.

More than a score of ambulances are at the scene of the fire and the doctors are working with all their strength to aid the firemen and policemen to release the unfortunate men. When William Glazier, one of the firemen was rescued from beneath the debris, he was almost frozen. Charles Erdman, another fireman whose body was beneath Glazier's, whose body was beneath Glazier's, was frozen stiff. The ice had calked on his face, forming a perfect mask. John Carroll, a brother of Patrick Carroll, and Harry Deberier, both firemen, are both alive. The men are continually talking with the rescuers and directing them in the removal of heavy girders. Three hundred policemen are now endeavoring to tear the north wall down so that it may not fall in upon the men who are yet in the ruin.

RAILROADS MAKES CLAIM AGAINST COI. ROOSEVELT

Illinois Congressman Pushes Investigation of Traveling Expenses of Former President.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—A determined fight will be made by Representative Rainey, of Illinois, one of the Democratic leaders, to bring the question of former President Roosevelt's traveling expenses squarely before congress. One of the stockholders of the Southern railway wrote Mr. Rainey that if Mr. Roosevelt had paid for all the transportation furnished him on his orders while he was in the White House it would have cost him \$75,000 at that time alone, and that furnished Mr. Rainey, he says, included an estimate of \$120,000 as the amount that Mr. Roosevelt, as a matter of right, owes the Pennsylvania railroad. Mr. Rainey's recent resolution demanding information as to all of Mr. Roosevelt's traveling expenses while he was president has brought out a large correspondence, including letters from a number of railway stockholders who agree with Mr. Rainey's view that the railroads should not be saddled with the expense of the special trains and special cars ordered from the White House at passenger department expense.

Mr. Rainey purposes, immediately after congress reassembles, to move to discharge the rules committee from further consideration of his resolution if, as expected, the committee ignores the measure.

Civil War Veteran Dead.
ALTOONA, PA., Dec. 21.—Capt. Asa Spaulding, an able and Gen. Phil Sheridan's staff during the Civil war and one of the best known lumbermen in Central Pennsylvania, died here tonight, aged 89 years.